MOTION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR ORDER APPROVING INFORMATION ACCESS PROTOCOL UNDER §§ 105(A), 107(B), AND 1102(B)(3)(A) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; AND DECLARATION OF JEFFREY N. POMERANTZ IN SUPPORT THEREOF

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TO THE HONORABLE PETER W. BOWIE, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, CREDITORS HOLDING THE 20 LARGEST UNSECURED CLAIMS, SECURED CREDITORS, PARTIES REQUESTING SPECIAL NOTICE, AND THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE:

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") hereby moves this Court (the "Motion") for entry of an order pursuant to Sections 105(a), 107(b), and 1102(b)(3)(A) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 9018 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), approving the Committee's adoption of certain information sharing procedures pursuant to Section 1102(b)(3)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Specifically, the Committee requests authority to (a) withhold confidential and privileged information under the "information access" prong of the statute, and (b) satisfy its duties under the "comment solicitation" prong of the statute by means of a link to a web page posted on, and accessible via, an internet website dedicated to the Committee The Committee seeks to satisfy its information sharing obligations in as streamlined and inexpensive a manner as possible. Thus, the Committee will communicate with its constituency through, inter alia, the website established at: www.pszjlaw.com.

This Motion is based on the facts and legal analysis set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declaration of Jeffrey N. Pomerantz, the record in this case, any other evidence properly before the Court prior to or at the hearing on the Motion and all matters of which this Court may properly take judicial notice.

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1	WHEREFORE, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order					
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue of this case and this Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The statutory predicates for the relief sought herein are Sections 105(a), 107(b), and 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9018.

FACTS

- 3. On January 11, 2010, Fili Enterprises, Inc. dba Daphne's Greek Café aka Daphne's Greek Express (the "Debtor") filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor continues to operate its business and manage its property as a debtor-in-possession.
- 4. On January 27, 2010, the United States Trustee appointed the Committee in the case pursuant to Section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 5. The Committee has selected Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as its insolvency counsel.

ARGUMENTS AND AUTHORITY

- 6. Section 1102(b)(3)(A) states, in relevant part, that a committee appointed under Section 1102(a) shall "provide access to information for creditors who (i) hold claims of the kind represented by that committee; and (ii) are not appointed to the committee[.]" 11 U.S.C. § 1102(b)(3)(A). Section 1102(b)(3)(B) further provides that a committee must "solicit and receive comments from the creditors described in subparagraph (A)[.]" 11 U.S.C. § 1102(b)(3)(B).
- 7. Sections 1102(b)(3)(A) and (B) do not indicate how a creditors' committee should provide "access to information" for creditors, or "solicit and receive comments" from creditors. There is no legislative history to Section 1102(b)(3) to provide guidance on the application of this new provision, and whether it could be construed to apply to confidential or privileged information.

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8. For purposes of this Motion, the term "Confidential Information" means any non-
public or proprietary information of the Debtor or the Committee, including, without limitation,
information concerning the Debtor's assets, liabilities, business operations, projections or
analyses, which is obtained pursuant to the terms of a confidentiality agreement. The term
"Privileged Information" means any information that is subject to the attorney-client or attorney
work product privilege, whether such privilege is solely controlled by the Committee or is a joint
privilege with the Debtor or some other party.

- 9. The enactment of Section 1102(b)(3)(A) raises the issue of whether the Committee could be required to share Confidential Information or Privileged Information with any unsecured creditor. Given the importance of this issue, the Committee seeks an order of the Court confirming that Section 1102(b)(3)(A) does not authorize or require the Committee to provide access to each and every piece of Confidential Information or Privileged Information to any creditor that the Committee represents. In re Refco, Inc., 336 B.R. 187 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2006) (Section 1102(b)(3) does not require the dissemination of confidential information or such information that would constitute a breach of attorney-client privilege. In determining whether to release information, committees must consider the requesting party's willingness to agree to confidentiality and trade restraints.).
- 10. Section 1102(b)(3)(B) does not specifically address how a committee should "solicit and receive comments" from its constituents. The Committee proposes to satisfy this statutory requirement in two ways. First, the Committee will add information to a dedicated creditor information webpage at www.pszjlaw.com that will contain (a) links to public sources for pleadings and other case information (such as PACER and this Court's internet site), (b) documents that can be downloaded or viewed using the Adobe Acrobat reader, (c) links to email addresses for Committee counsel to whom questions or information requests may be

¹Confidential Information would not, however, include information that: (i) is or becomes generally available to the public or is or becomes available to the Committee on a non-confidential basis, in each case to the extent that such information became so available other than by a violation of a contractual, legal, or fiduciary obligation to the Committee or the Debtor (ii) is or can become available to the public due to prior disclosures; or (iii) was in the possession of the Committee prior to its disclosure by the Debtor and is not subject to any other duty or obligation to maintain confidentiality.

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directed, (d) periodic updates or reports to creditors generally, and (e) such other information as the Committee deems appropriate. In each instance, of course, only non-confidential and nonprivileged information would be made available to the Committee's constituency. In addition to the foregoing, the Committee will post newsletters on the web page or through a mailing to the Debtor's applicable creditor list if and when necessary to communicate with the unsecured creditors.

- 11. When a statute is clear and unambiguous, "the sole function of the courts is to enforce it according to its terms." United States v. Ron Pair Enters., Inc., 489 U.S. 235, 241 (1989) (quoting Caminetti v. United States, 242 U.S. 470, 485 (1917)). However, in "rare cases [in which] the literal application of a statute will produce a result demonstrably at odds with the intention of its drafters ... the intention of the drafters, rather that the strict language, controls." Id. at 242-43 (citing Griffin v. Oceanic Contractors, Inc., 458 U.S. 564 (1982) (internal quotation omitted)).
- 12. The Committee submits that Section 1102(b)(3) is unclear. The statute requires a committee "to provide access to information" and to "solicit and receive comments" from creditors, yet sets forth no guidelines as to the type, kind and extent of the information to be provided or the method for soliciting input from creditors. In its extreme, Section 1102(b)(3)(A) could be read as requiring a committee to provide access to all information provided to it by a debtor, or developed through exercise of its investigative function, regardless of whether the information is confidential, privileged, proprietary or material non-public information and regardless of whether disseminating such information implicates securities laws disclosure requirements. See 17 C.F.R. §§243.100-243.103 (2005); see also In re Refco, Inc., 336 B.R. 187 (S.D.N.Y. 2006) (Granting the motion of the committee to clarify the requirement to provide access to information pursuant to Section 1102(b)(3)(A) until the court further clarifies the requirements under Section 1102 or the committee establishes an information-sharing protocol); In re FLYi, Inc., Case No. 05-20011 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 17, 2005) (providing that creditors' committees are not authorized or required to provide access to confidential information of the debtors or to privileged information). Similar relief as the relief requested herein has been

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granted in this District in other chapter 11 cases. See, e.g., In Re The Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego, Case No. 07-00939 (Bankr. S.D. July 26, 2007).

- As discussed above, the legislative history does not provide meaningful guidance 13. and merely reiterates the language of Section 1102(b)(3). See H.R. Rep. No. 109-31, 109th Cong., 1st Sess. 87 (2005) ("Section 405(b) [of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005] requires the committee to give creditors having claims of the kind represented by the committee access to information. In addition, the committee must solicit and receive comments for these creditors and, pursuant to court order, make additional reports and disclosures available to them.").
- 14. The Committee believes that Section 1102(b)(3) was intended to expand the involvement of unsecured creditors in chapter 11 cases. In this regard, however, Congress could not have intended for a committee to be required to provide unfettered access to every type and kind of information that a committee receives from a debtor or assembles on its own. If this had been the intention, Section 1102(b)(3) would frustrate numerous provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 15. Further, Section 107(b)(1) provides that "on request of a party in interest, the bankruptcy court shall . . . protect an entity with respect to trade secret or confidential research, development, or commercial information." Section 107(b)(1) is mandatory. Video Software Dealers Ass'n v. Orion Pictures Corp., 21 F.3d 24, 27 (2d Cir. 1994) (providing that the protections of Section 107(b)(1) are mandatory upon request). As a result, under Section 107(b)(1) and Bankruptcy Rule 9018, this Court is empowered to protect the Committee from having to release Confidential Information or Privileged Information to general creditors. The Court has further authority under Section 105(a) to issue any order, process or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. Protecting the release of Confidential Information and Privileged Information is necessary to accomplish that

Section 107(b)(1) is further supported by Bankruptcy Rule 9018, which states, in relevant part, that "on motion or on its own initiative, with or without notice, the court may make any order which justice requires to protect the estate or any entity in respect of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information" Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9018.

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- 16. The disclosure of nonpublic or privileged information to unsecured creditors will impede the ability of the Committee to perform its statutory function in this case. Therefore, pursuant to Sections 105(a), 107(b)(1), and 1102(b)(3)(A) and Bankruptcy Rule 9018, the Committee requests confirmation that Section 1102(b)(3)(A) does not authorize or require the Committee to provide access to Confidential Information or Privileged Information to any creditor that the Committee represents.
- 17. In addition, given the lack of clarity in Section 1102(b)(3)(B) regarding the Committee's duty to solicit and receive comments from its constituency, the Committee seeks an order establishing that this statutory obligation is satisfied by the Committee creating and maintaining a web page dedicated to the Committee, to make non-confidential and non-privileged information available to its constituency.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order approving the relief requested in this Motion and granting the Committee such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

Dated: February 1, 2010 PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

> By /s/ Jeffrey N. Pomerantz Jeffrey N. Pomerantz Shirley S. Cho [Proposed] Counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

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DECLARATION OF JEFFREY N. POMERANTZ

I, Jeffrey N. Pomerantz, declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of California and before this Court and am a partner of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, proposed counsel for the Official Unsecured Creditors Committee. I submit this Declaration in support of the Motion of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Order Approving Information Access Protocol Under Section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in the foregoing Motion and, if called upon as a witness, I could and would competently testify as to all of the matters stated therein.
- 3. On January 11, 2010, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor continues to operate its business and manage its property as a debtor-in-possession.
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